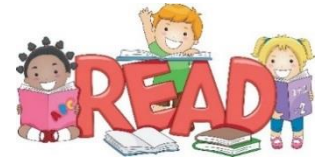
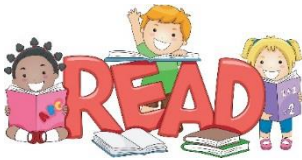




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The House Cup was won by Mercury

Eco-Committee News!

This year the Eco-Committee have the goal of achieving our Eco-Schools Green Flag Award! We have already been working hard this term: carrying out our Eco Schools survey, creating our action plan, meeting once a week to discuss our progress and making suggestions on the next step for our school; creating our Eco Code and distributing it; starting our 'Big Bird Watch' throughout the school (feel free to let your children know about any birds that frequent your area) and finally making the changes that we believe are in the best interests for the school. Toni and Sarah have also created a brand new Eco-Committee display, in the school's reception area, that you will be able to enjoy and keep up to date with our Green Flag mission. Mr Hill has kindly volunteered to be our Eco-Schools governor representative, thank you!

As a result of all of this hard work and progress we are very proud to say that the children have achieved the **Eco-Schools Bronze award**! This fantastic news means that we are a good step closer to getting our Green Flag. Keep up the good work children and remember to: REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!

Empties Please – ink cartridge recycling

Please do keep bringing your ink cartridges in. We received £41.25 for the ones that we returned this week. There is a new recycling box in the foyer.


We are also collecting batteries so please bring those in as well. Thank you.

Headlice

We've had one or two reports of these. Please would all parents bug bust tonight, if we do it as a whole school they very quickly disappear. The cheapest way is a nit comb and bottle of conditioner. Comb your child's hair every other day for a week and they go. Your child could read to you whilst you comb!

Daily reading and Good Book certificates

Thank you parents, we have some amazing results this week, with 4 classes above 50% that is terrific, but, at the other end of the scale 7%. That's only 2 children out of a class of 29. ☹

Class	% daily readers last week	% daily readers this week	Good Book Certificate 
Yr 1Arundel	48	65 - amazing	Chloe
Yr 1 Bodiam	42	55 - amazing	Lennox
Y2 Leeds	17	7 – 2 children	Dima
Y2 Pevensey	24	18 – 4 children	Riley
Y3 Lewes	35	45	Katie
Y3 Deal	30	20 ☹	Lucas
Y4 Dover	40	40	Freddie
Y4 Farnham	47	57 - amazing	Ana
Y5 Hever	19	19	Frankie
Y6 Rochester	12	56 - amazing	Thomas

Student teacher

We are delighted to welcome Mr Hill to Dover class as a trainee teacher. As a school we actively support the university of Canterbury in the training of new teachers, this not only develops our current teachers mentoring skills but also adds a valuable adult into the classroom to support the needs of all.

Dates to remember

October 2017

- 13th (Fri) 7.30 – 11.30pm The Big Cheese
- 19th (Thurs) Individual school photo's
- 20th (Fri) EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
- 20th (Fri) last day of term
- 30th (Mon) Back to school
- 30th – 3rd Nov Tours for EYFS 2018 9.30 and 11am – book at office

December 2017

- 2nd (Sat) PTA Xmas fete 12 – 2.30
- 7th (Thurs) EYFS Xmas Production
- 8th (Fri) KS1 Xmas Production
- 13th (Wed) Xmas Dinner KS1 & EYFS
- 14th (Thu) Xmas Dinner KS2
- 15th (Fri) Xmas Jumper Day
- 18th (Mon) KS2 Xmas Church Service 6pm – St Mark's Church
- 20th (Weds) Last day of term

January 2018

- 5th (Fri) children return to school

Mr Hill is on a 1 year PGCE course which is split into 3 placements. He will be with us for his first and third placement in the first one he will be with us observing learning and teaching, in his second placement he will be at a different setting beginning to teach and then he will return to us for his third placement before he qualifies as a teacher. In this third term he will be building up to teaching the class for a maximum of 50% of the teaching time under the watchful eye of Mrs Burt and Mrs Hammond.

Mrs Burt will remain the class teacher and will be in the classroom with him throughout his teaching placement.

Staffing – Leeds and Pevensey

We are delighted to be welcoming our year 2 teacher Mrs Hart back from Maternity leave. She is returning to full time teaching on December 4th.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Kington back from maternity leave in January 2018. Mrs Kington will be working 3 days a week.

We have spent a considerable amount of time deliberating on the best placement of the staff for the children and them. Please see below the arrangements for the classes from December.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Leeds from 4 th Dec	Mrs Hart	Mrs Hart	Mrs Eldrett	Mrs Eldrett	Mrs Eldrett
Leeds from Jan 2018	Mrs Eldrett	Mrs Eldrett	Mrs Kington	Mrs Kington	Mrs Kington
Pevensey from 4 th Dec	Mrs Crane	Mrs Crane	Crane/Hart	Mrs Hart	Mrs Hart
Pevensey from Jan 2018	Mrs Hart	Mrs Hart	Mrs Hart	Mrs Hart	Mrs Hart

Mrs Crane will be in school on the days that she is not in class, having hand over time with Mr Bird before she takes on her role of Deputy head in January.

Sadly, we will be losing our maternity leave cover teacher Ms Riddall who has been a brilliant teacher in Leeds.

Attendance 4/9/17 – 6/10/17

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	% whole year
EY Camber	99.3	0.0	0.7	99.3	96.9
EY Windsor	98.6	1.4	0.0	98.6	98.3
Year 1 Arundel	97.9	2.1	0.0	97.9	98.0
Year 1 Bodiam	95.4	4.6	0.0	95.4	94.9
Y2 Leeds	98.6	0.7	0.7	98.6	96.6
Y2 Pevensey	94.1	5.9	0.0	94.1	96.4
Y3 Lewes	88.3	2.5	5.0	88.3	92.0
Year 3 Deal	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	97.9
Y4 Dover	99.2	0.0	0.8	99.2	97.8
Y4 Farnham	99.6	0.4	0.0	99.6	97.9
Y5 Hever	94.1	5.9	0.0	94.1	93.0
Y6 Rochester	98.0	0.8	0.8	98.4	96.8
Totals	96.9	2.1	0.6	96.9	96.4

Well done Deal 100% and three other classes with 99% +,

But look at the total for the year already below 97% and 5 weeks in to the school year. To have outstanding attendance we need to be above 96%.

Yours sincerely

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